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MEMORANDUM FOR: General George S. Brown, USAF

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Press Release by General William Evans

re Warsaw Pact Air Forces

- 1. I recently noted in the press that General Evans, CINCUSAFE, stated that the Warsaw Pact tactical air forces outnumbered his by 2.5 to 1. I want to let you know that in my briefings to the Congress this week I've given data which avers that we have an equality of tactical air forces in Central Europe rather than a disparity of 2 to 1.
- 2. I believe I understand how General Evans got these calculations, however, the basic facts as I understand them are:
 - a. NATO tactical aircraft in continental Europe less France -- 2280
 - b. NATO aircraft in Europe, including UK andFrance -- 3860
 - c. Warsaw Pact aircraft in Central Europe -- 3800
 - d. Warsaw Pact aircraft in Central Europe three military districts in Western Europe -- 4940.
- 3. If you take the first figure and the last, there is a ratio of 2 to 1, but it seems to me the two middle figures are the comparable ones. That is, NATO is entitled to consider its aircraft in France

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and Great Britain; the Warsaw Pact is entitled to consider those in the Western Military District. In fact, I would believe the figure comparable to that which includes the Western Military District of the Warsaw Pact would be that which includes CONUS reinforcement of Europe.

4. Wanted to let you know that someone might detect this difference, though no one did specifically at these hearings.

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SKUSSELS; JAN 24; REUTER - THE HEAD OF NATU'S AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE; U.S. GENERAL WILLIAM EVANS; SAID TODAY HIS UNITS WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO STOP A SOVIET AIR ATTACK.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE PILOTS OF HIS COMMAND (ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE) WERE OUTNUMBERED BY 2.5 TO ONE BY WARSAW FACT AIR UNITS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EAST-WEST LINE. EVEN WITH REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND SRITAIN; THE RATIO WOULD STILL BE THREE TO TWO IN FAVOR OF THE KUSSIANS AND THEIR EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES; GENERAL EVANS SAID. THE GENERAL DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF NUMBERS BUT OTHER ALLIANCE SOURCES SAID THAT THE WARSAW PACT HAVE SOME 4,300 AIRCRAFT IN THE CENTRAL REGION WHILE THE SIX NATU AIR FORCES MAKING UP GENERAL EVANS'S COMMAND HAVE ABOUT 1,750.

"' HE WAREAM PACT AIR FORCES HAVE CHANGED FROM A DEFENSIVE ROLE TO AN OFFENSIVE ROLE; ' SAID GENERAL EVANS: EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE SECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION NOW PLANS TO USE LARGE NUMBERS OF MOBILE SURFACE-TO-AIR MI))NGS); O)NN PRIMARY DEFENSE AGAINST RAIDING ALLIED WARPLANES. E

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THE GENERAL SAID THE WARSAN PACT: WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SOPHISTICATED NEW AIRCRAFT: WOULD FLY LOW-LEVEL ATTACKS INTO MESTERN EUROPE IN THE EVENT OF ANY EAST-WEST WAR.

HE SAID HE FELT STRONGLY THAT THE ALLIANCE SHOULD ADOPT A FLEET OF FLYING EARLY WARNING STATIONS -- MODIFIED BOEING 707s EQUIPPED WITH "LOOK-DOWN" RADAR WHICH COULD PEER DEEP INTO LASTERN EUROPE -- TO DETECT THE START OF ANY WARSAW PACT AIR STACK.

HE ALLIES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE PLANES FOR YEARS
WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO AGREE ON HOW TO SHARE THE 1.9 BILLION
DOLLAR COST. GENERAL EVANS SAID THEY WOULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF
WARNING TIME AVAILABLE TO NATU OF ANY SOVIET AIR ATTACK.

""HNYTHING IS BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW;" THE GENERAL SAID.

HIS COMMAND WAS CREATED IN 1974 TO COMBINE TWO NATO INTERNATIONAL AIR FORCES INTO A SINGLE FIGHTING UNIT CAPABLE OF STOPPING ANY SOVIET INCURSION INTO WESTERN EUROPE. 2 MURE USU

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GENERAL EVANS SAID THE WARSAW PACT WAS CONTINUALLY MODERNIZING ITS AIR FORCES AND ITS NEW AIRCRAFT HAD SEVEN TIMES THE RANGE OF 1950s PLANES.

THE NEW SOVIET AIRCRAFT NOW COULD ATTACK ALLIED AIR BASES IN BRITAIN FROM EASTERN EUROPE: THE GENERAL SAID. "THE SURVIVABILITY OF OUR BASES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS GONE DOWN;" HE ADDED.

THE NHIU MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WARSAM PACT AIR FORCES MOULD QUICKLY KNOCK OUT NATO'S AIR BASES AT THE START OF A WAR: PREVENTING CENERAL EVANS'S PILOTS FROM GETTING INTO THE AIR -- GR; ONCE IN THE AIR; FROM FINDING A PLACE TO LAND.

GENERAL EVANS SAID THE ALLIANCE WAS DEVELOPING PLANS TO DISPERSE AIRCRAFT BEFORE AND DURING A WAR, TO LESSEN THE CHANCES OF THE SOVIET UNION CRIPPLING NATO AIR BASES.

REOUT 50 AIRFIELDS WERE INVOLVED AND THE ALLIES WERE STORING FUEL: AMMUNITION AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO MAINTAIN HODERN AIRCRAFT THERE AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEDSIFF A THERE AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEDSIFF AND THE ALLIES WERE

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I would like you to get each member of the Intelligence Community of the NFIB to submit suggestions for accomplishments this past year and failures in their particular area. In short, if NSA wants to blow its horn, would they use some example I didn't. I don't want this draft to go out to all the NFIB people. However, I want to keep it within the IC Staff. Also, I don't want a bunch of slides for all these things that just list a lot of titles on them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO/Strategic Programs

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

I'd like to sign a personal letter to Congressman Beard giving 25X1 him the answers to those two missile tests that we discussed with him in the hearings the other day. 25X1 STANSFIELD TURNER

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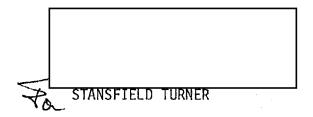
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Career Management Staff/DDO

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

Do you happen to have an average age of retirement for supergrades and GS-15s in the DDO?



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TAT	NOTE FOR: DCI
	The IISS meeting this year is going to be on the 7th of September
TAT	in Oxford. I'd like to leave the option open of attending; a wild possibility would be to make the southern Far Eastern trip plus Oxford in late August or early September.

STANSFIELD TURNER